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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

REGULAR TROOPS ENGAGED IN THE MEXICAN WAR.

A LETTER

FROM THE

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 20th December, 1848, a report of the Adjutant General, relative to the regular troops engaged in the Mexican war.

JANUARY 16, 1848.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 5, 1849.

SIR: In answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 20th December, requesting the Secretary of War to communicate "the whole number of regular troops engaged in the late war with Mexico, and the States in which they were enlisted, and any other facts in the possession of the War Department, showing the number of *regular troops* engaged in the said war, *from each State in the Union*," I have the honor to enclose a report from the Adjutant General of the army, containing the information called for.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. L. MARCY,
Secretary of War.

Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Adjutant General's Office, Washington, January 3, 1849.

SIR: In compliance with your instructions, I submit the following report, in answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives, dated the 20th ultimo, respecting the number of regular troops engaged in the war with Mexico.

As the entire army may be said to have been engaged in the war, the number of troops will be best shown by giving the strength of the army prior to the commencement of hostilities, in 1846, and adding thereto the whole number of recruits enlisted from that period until peace was declared. January 1, 1846, is regarded the proper date at which to determine the strength of the army, to wit:

Strength of the rank and file of the regular army, January 1, 1846.....	7,194
Enlisted men of the ordnance	287

Enlistments in the regular army, from January 1, 1846, to June 30, 1848.

States and Territories.	Old army.				Ten additional regiments.			Ordnance department.				Aggregate.
	1846.	1847.	1848.	Total.	1847.	1848.	Total.	1846.	1847.	1848.	Total.	
Maine.....	102	179	123	404	255	.....	255	3	8	2	13	672
New Hampshire.....	10	.....	.....	10	228	61	289	.....	.....	.....	.....	299
Vermont.....	14	136	88	238	98	54	152	.....	.....	1	1	391
Massachusetts.....	370	523	209	1,102	205	118	323	62	11	1	74	1,499
Rhode Island.....	19	.....	.....	19	107	57	164	.....	.....	.....	.....	183
Connecticut.....	13	.....	.....	13	195	23	218	.....	.....	.....	.....	231
New York.....	2,394	3,385	1,049	6,828	1,398	273	1,671	84	41	26	151	8,650
New Jersey.....	38	114	13	165	275	.....	275	.....	.....	.....	.....	440
Pennsylvania.....	682	1,607	337	2,626	1,210	339	1,549	117	51	26	194	4,369
Delaware.....	18	.....	.....	18	82	48	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	148
Maryland.....	242	423	171	836	717	562	1,279	34	2	.....	36	2,151
District of Columbia.....	23	24	1	53	86	25	111	11	6	3	20	184
Virginia.....	298	151	101	550	544	55	599	7	3	3	13	1,162
North Carolina.....	132	51	.....	183	275	53	328	4	.....	3	7	518
South Carolina.....	68	3	4	75	230	5	235	.....	.....	.....	.....	310
Georgia.....	61	.....	27	88	656	.....	656	.....	6	.....	6	750
Florida.....	13	2	.....	15	57	1	58	4	1	2	7	80
Alabama.....	3	34	.....	37	594	62	656	8	12	3	23	716
Mississippi.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	31	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	46
Louisiana.....	365	256	11	632	517	95	612	5	7	4	16	1,260
Texas.....	125	10	.....	135	87	.....	87	.....	.....	.....	.....	222
Arkansas.....	2	6	.....	8	232	1	233	1	9	.....	10	251
Tennessee.....	117	31	.....	148	600	254	854	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,002
Kentucky.....	371	514	247	1,132	751	45	796	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,923
Ohio.....	444	849	236	1,529	665	127	792	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,321
Indiana.....	385	152	22	559	676	243	919	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,478
Illinois.....	187	506	153	845	533	27	560	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,405
Missouri.....	189	405	99	693	257	145	402	22	11	5	38	1,133
Iowa.....	70	92	47	209	84	.....	84	.....	.....	.....	.....	293
Wisconsin.....	38	87	125	260	132	392	517
Michigan.....	103	175	78	356	409	47	456	3	5	1	9	821

STATEMENT—Continued.

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	1846.	1847.	1848.	Total.	1847.	1848.	Total.	1846.	1847.	1848.	Total.	
Indian frontier	126	25	4	155	155
At large	15	44	5	64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64
In Mexico.....	59	93	52	204	52	5	57	.....	2	.....	2	263
Total.....	7,101	9,876	3,077	20,054	2,350	2,888	15,238	365	175	80	620	35,912
Regular army in service, January 1, 1846 .....	.....	.....	.....	7,194	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	287	7,481
Grand total .....	.....	.....	.....	27,248	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	907	43,393

The men enlisted in *Mexico* are, for the most part, re-enlisted soldiers, whose previous terms had expired. The number, "*at large*," are recruits enlisted by officers en route from one post to another; and whilst the enlistments show the actual place of entry into service, the returns do not; and not knowing the names of the men, it would be impossible to designate the particular enlistments in those cases.

I deem it proper to remark, that in the States where the greatest number of men have been recruited, are situated our large commercial cities, where vast numbers of that class of men who enter the ranks of the army resort for employment, and where, also, vast numbers of emigrants are constantly arriving. Many of them, disappointed in obtaining immediate employment, enter the army, and owing to these causes, one-half, if not three-fourths, of those who enlist in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Ohio, are not native citizens.

It may also be remarked, that in many of the volunteer regiments enrolled during the Mexican war, it is known that not only natives of Europe singly entered those regiments in numbers, but that entire companies of Germans and Irishmen were mustered into the service.

Respectfully submitted:

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Adjutant General.

Hon. W. L. MARCY,
Secretary of War.

